

Mayor Staub, of Knoxville, was very seriously, if not fatally, injured last Wednesday, by being thrown from a buggy while out driving with his wife, Mrs. Staub also received painful, but not dangerous injuries.

The Richmond & Alleghany R. R. has let to contract its connection with the Valley road, extending from Rose's Mill to a point at or near the old magazine in the rear of the Institute, at Lexington. It is confidently expected that by Christmas the trains of the Richmond & Alleghany will be able to reach the Lexington depot.

W. P. Brownlow, Door-keeper elect of the U. S. House of Representatives, has appointed Richard W. Austin, of N. C., Assistant Door-keeper, and Col. J. R. Popham, of Va., Assistant Door-keeper in charge of the Document Room.

Col. W. S. Bumgardner, of Staunton, has been elected president of the board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, and Dr. A. M. Flamitler, of the same place, has been elected Superintendent of the same institution.

The Wytheville Enterprise says: The Harry Pease Company gave Rip Van Winkle last night at Sexton's Hall to a good house, with satisfactory acting.

A "Bar" Story.

Mr. Editor: Mr. Wm. W. Adams, of Big Stone Gap, caught a bear in a steel-trap last Saturday night on Stone Mountain, about one and a half miles from the Gap. There is a bear trail in this region of country; it is thought from the trail that there are four bears in the lot out of which this one was caught. The one caught was a yearling, weighed 81 lbs., and fat as they get at that age. Mr. Adams has three traps setting, and will likely catch another one. Will not some man give him a bid on the hide of the one caught, and also a bid on the ones not yet caught. I think if he can get a good bid on the hides he will spend a month's time or have the other three. J. B. T. MILLS.
December 8, 1881.

Frank S. Blair.

One of the most gratifying events and results of the late Reading triumph is the election of Capt. Frank S. Blair to the high and honorable position of Attorney-General of the oldest Commonwealth in the sisterhood of States, as her chosen representative when her dearest interests are at stake in the highest courts of the land, and as her confidential adviser when her honor is to be protected and when it needs the delicate handling of a true and loyal son. The vile and biased aspersions of the Funder and other partisan press have laboriously endeavored to impress the public mind with a false opinion of his new official, and as his home journal it gives the Dispatch more than pleasure to bear testimony to the good qualities of the man honored and elevated by the good people of Virginia. He is a personification of the genius of the "Commonwealth," the elevation of men of talent of whatever quarter; having sprung from a representative family of Tennessee and connected himself with an honored family of Virginia and possessing the qualities of a sound and able lawyer and a high-minded American citizen he is fit and prepared for the high and official position bestowed upon him. The brutal and unrelenting warfare made upon him throughout the canvass and for many years past met now with a deserved rebuke at the hands of a great majority of the people, and himself declared their choice for a position preeminent in its responsibility and difficulties. As a man, a citizen, and a great representative of a grand political organization, he is ready to meet the responsibilities of his new and responsible position, and also ready to emphasize, by his official conduct the characteristic mendacity of Funder enemies and slanders. To his friends he will be full of fulfillment as of promise, and to his enemies, political and personal, a bitter pill of disappointment. For an Attorney-General he will be a shining ornament to the Old Commonwealth. Wytheville Dispatch.

Scientific Miscellany.

Late investigations of German Scientists have shown that the electric light is not only healthier than other methods of illumination in leaving the air purer, but that it increases the power of vision in some respects, especially in distinguishing colors. Red, blue, green and yellow are much more distinct under this light than by daylight.

Two Leipzig chemists have devised a process for obtaining sugar in a permanently liquid form. This result is said to be effected by adding to a solution of sugar solution a small quantity of citric acid, which combines with the sugar and deprives it of its tendency to crystallize.

Some experiments by M. Gautier appear to prove that human saliva possesses, in a small degree, the same poisonous property as that of serpents. The human saliva injected under the skin of a bird caused death, with symptoms very closely resembling those resulting from serpent bites.

A new theory of the so-called fascination of birds by snakes is that the bird mistakes the snake's tongue, which the reptile keeps in rapid motion, for a lively worm, and watches it intently with the anticipation of devouring it.

M. Pasteur has resolved to extend his studies in vaccination to yellow fever, with a view of determining whether or not the disease is due to parasites and can be guarded against by inoculation. A broad field of investigation is open to Pasteur, as it is suggested by his discoveries that all contagious maladies may be due to parasitic growths the virulence of which may be so reduced by his method of inoculation as to render them innocuous no longer a matter of dread.

A Neapolitan gentleman, after years of experience, has produced a camellia with a delicate perfume, and he thinks it probable that these flowers may in the near future be so cultivated as to rival the rose in the fragrance of its odor.

Mr. C. Shaler Smith has given the results of extensive observation in relation to the pressure exerted by the wind.

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The most violent gale recorded by him was at East St. Louis, in 1861, when the wind overtook a locomotive, the force developed in so doing being no less than 93 pounds per square foot. At St. Charles a jail was destroyed in 1871, the pressure required being 84 pounds per square foot. At Marshallfield in 1880, a brick mansion was leveled, the force necessary being 53 pounds per square foot. Below these extraordinary pressures, Mr. Smith's illustrations numerous cases of trains blown off rails, and bridges, etc., blown down by gales of 24 to 31 pounds per square foot. In all the examples, the lowest force required to do the observed damages have been taken as the maximum power of the wind, although, of course, it may have been higher.

Enthusiasts who have made a special study of sunspots and attendant phenomena believe that the coronation of a new century is being laid by discoveries pointing to an intimate connection between solar and terrestrial meteorology. Just what the connection is they are not yet able to clearly define, although electricity is suspected of being the agent through which the effects are manifested upon our planet. It is known that the gaseous envelope of the sun is effected by eruptions of such prodigious magnitude as to be utterly beyond our power of conception, these disturbances appearing to us in the form of rapidly changing spots and protuberances. The eruptions of the sun or sunspots—occur at remarkably regular intervals, a complete cycle of the various stages of activity from maximum to minimum and again to maximum, being performed in about eleven years—the so-called "sun-spot period." The sun-spot physicists claim a coincidence of the periods of maximum spots and years of great atmospheric and physical disturbance in the earth. The present has been a year of great solar disturbances, while it has been marked by violent storms and earthquakes upon our globe. Further than this, these scientists claim to have recently detected by simultaneous observation minor atmospheric changes as the result of corresponding movements in the sun. Many difficulties attend these observations, but the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, and others believe that the State of the sun will some day become an important factor in weather forecasts and like calculations.

Humbugged Again.

I saw much said about the merits of Hop Bitters and my wife who was always doctored, and never well, tensed me so urgently to get her some, I concluded to be humbugged again and I am glad I did, for in less than two months' use of the Bitters my wife was cured, and she has remained so for eighteen months since. I like such humbugging.—H. T. St. Paul (Pioneer Press).

Old Story Retold.

"Long John" Wentworth, ex-Mayor of Chicago, is entirely bald, except a little tuft of hair behind the ears, and on one occasion, when riding in the cars, he frequently took off his hat and scratched the back of his ears, when a waggle backwords shouted: "Stranger, drive 'em up into the clearing and you can catch 'em all in five minutes."

Suspicious Symptoms.

A minister who was perhaps not too careful in his habits was induced by his friends to take the teetotal pledge. His health appeared to suffer, and his doctor ordered him to take one glass of punch daily.

"Oh," said he, "I dare not, Peggy, my old housekeeper, would tell the whole parish."

"When do you shave?" the doctor asked.

"In the morning," said the doctor, "shave at night; and when Peggy brings you up your hot water, you can take your glass of punch just before going to bed."

The minister afterwards appeared to improve in health and spirits. The doctor met Peggy soon after, and said:

"I'm glad to hear, Peggy, that your master is better."

"Indeed, sir, he's better, but his brain's affected; there's something wrong with his mind."

"How?"

"The doctor, he used to shave at night before going to bed, but now he shaves in the morning, he shaves before dinner, he shaves after dinner, he shaves at night—he's aye shaving!"

The symptoms were, indeed, very suspicious.—Ensign's Druggists, in Harper's Magazine for December.

The Happy Gnat and the Bull.

A very short-lived, conceited little gnat settled on the horn of a bull, and sat there for some time. At last, in disgust of attracting attention, the insect remarked that he had been on the bull all this time, and in the least repented the bull, pleasantly, becoming at last aware of the existence of the gnat. "I did not know you had come, and I shall not miss you when you go away. Shoo, fly, don't bother me!"

"Ah!" exclaimed the gnat, in triumph, "I have at last compelled you to recognize me!"

"Not in the least," replied the bull, "I have at last recognized you as a pest."

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For the News.

A Coquette's Plea.

BY O. A. M.

Would you ask me why I flirt,
I'll tell you the reason why:
Were it not for my flirting
I would slowly droop and die.

Some may say, "It is not right
To brook a dear love's heart;
But what is all that to me?
If I only play my part?"

I am sure I'm not alone
In my innocence and mirth,
For all nature seems to flirt
The gay, lovely scenes of earth.

The mild sunbeams doth allure
The flowers, in color, red;
Their bloom in lovely summer
Soon all by frost to be shed.

And they, then even themselves,
To nod in coquettish glee
To every gentle zephyr
That is wafted o'er the sea.

Then you need not censure me
For I know that I am right;
I'd flirt with dear old grandpa
When no other vows to plight.

I would not give up my flirting
For all the gay boys I know;
Nor would I let my pledge my hand
To any chivalrous beau.

I'll not forsake this pleasure
No difference who he be,
I'll never bow to any man
And live a weak Niohe.

They say I'll soon grow old
And old maidens' course pursue,
But paints, and curls, and gauding
Will then come to my rescue.

Well, what if I do grow old?
For I care not a pin,
I'll play off a "sweet sixteen"
And take some old bach'lor in.

Yet, if in all this I fail
A great consolation—dear,
I'll have, to know in old age
Of bliss, I have had my share.

I will then live at my ease,
Remembering flit'ing beaux;
I'll have no rough crew to please
But spend my time knitting hose.

Oh how then ye gallant beaux,
If my beauty's made you mad;
I care not for joy or weal,
But for pleasures I have had.

Restored to a Decline.

NORTH GREEN, N. Y., April 25, '80.
DR. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.:
Dear Sir—I feel it my duty to write and thank you for what your "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Favorite Prescription" have done for my daughter. It is now five weeks since she began their use. She is more fleshy, has more color in her face, no headache, and is in other ways greatly improved.

Yours truly,
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Air Your Beds.

Be sure to let the fresh air, and, if possible the sun have free access to it an hour or more before making up. Have the sheet long enough to turn under the mattress at the foot the lower one the same at the head, but fold the upper sheet well over the bedding. This will save the quilts from becoming soiled by the sleeper's breath. When a bed has been occupied all winter, everything that it should be washed in the spring. To wash a feather-bed, choose fair weather so that you can dry it out-door. Crowd the feathers into one end of the tick and the firmly in the centre. Wash the empty end and when dry shake the feather's into that, tie again, and wash the other half. Corn-husk beds are much nicer than straw, as they are not so dusty, and with the addition of a few fresh husks from time to time, will last for years. They may be freshened by turning the husks out in the sun and air for a day or two and sifting on the fine stuff. In winter never keep sheets on a bed that is seldom used. They will gather dampness and render themselves very uncomfortable, perhaps fatal, to your guest. Make up the bed with the sheets and add them when needed.

A Balloon Voyage to the Pole.

There is no known property of the North pole of our planet, except the mystery that envelops it, to excite intense and prolonged curiosity; but the mystery alone is a fascination that appears irresistible. The fancied value of a Northwest passage between Western Europe and the East Indies and China has been dissipated by the Suez canal, and even if a Northwest passage should be discovered it would be seldom, if ever, used by ships of the present day. But men are determined to solve it if they can, in spite of the formidable ice-barrier that guards it with such terrible menace of suffering and death. And there is a promise that it will be solved at no distant day, if not by ships, by the aid of balloons, which shall mount in the air, cross the ice barrier and deposit some party of daring adventurers either on the pole or at some point from which they can reach it. Commander Cheyne of the British navy, who has the experience of two Polar expeditions, proposes, in company with Lieut. Schwabach of our country to make the balloon experiment. Three balloons are to be sent up from St. Patrick's bay, seven hundred miles distant from the pole, each containing three men with a small supply of provisions, a few Polar expeditions sleds and dogs and instruments. One would suppose the balloon would be too heavily weighted with such a cargo as this to get very high up in the air, or to be manageable after they get up; but Commander Cheyne is confident that by carefully determining the direction and force of the air currents, and by making the balloons so light as to be blown high enough to clear ice obstructions and reach the pole eighteen or twenty four hours sailing-time enough, as a fatal experiment in France a few years ago shows, for the excessive cold in the upper air to convert the Commander Cheyne's scheme is that two of the balloons shall be brought to the ground at convenient points this side the pole, to act as necessary may require, while the third, after making the voyage alone and remaining long enough to secure a photograph of the Polar neighborhood, shall rise again and drift over to Siberia. Once safely landed in the Czar's dominions, an easy journey would bring the voyagers to St. Petersburg. It is difficult to picture, full of perils and promises of hardship. All balloon experiments prove that it is impossible to estimate the undetermined currents that circulate above the earth; and even if the daring aerial navigators should escape freezing to death in the air, the chances would be slight of their escaping alive from the mysterious region to tell what they saw. But searchers are not men who quail before perils, hardships or mysteries, and dangerous as Commander Cheyne's project is, it need not surprise us to see it attempted at no distant day.—St. Louis Republic.

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Economy in Dress.

A dress that is so peculiar as to be striking, either from its brilliancy of color or any other cause, should be adopted only by a woman who has many changes of raincoat, and so may wear it only occasionally, or the slight of it becomes a bore, even if at first it is interesting from its novelty. The woman who has many dresses can afford also to give it away or convert it into some other use before it is worn, while the unobtrusive dress easily lends itself to some different adjustment, which gives it an entirely new aspect.

A woman who has but one best gown can wear it with a difference. Like the rue Ophelia offers to her brother, so as to make it suitable to many occasions, especially if she has two waists, or "bodies," as the English call them. One skirt will easily outlast two waists, and therefore this is a real saving. But suppose that there be but one waist, or the dress be made all in one piece (which is the more prettier fashion), and it should be worn one day high in the neck, with collar and cuffs, on another day with the neck turned in, and a lace of muslin fluff gracefully adjusted with bows of flowers, and a bit of lace at the wrists, a pair of long gloves, and a more elaborate dressing of the hair, it will be scarcely recognizable. But the dress must be of a very general character, like black silk, or some dark color, or the pleasure of the new impression is lost.

The wise person with a small capital never buys any but a good and lasting thing. Each year she adds one or two really solid possessions to her wardrobe, which, treated with care, will last her many years. Thus on a really small sum she may dress very beautifully. Without capital one is obliged to buy what can last but a few months; but there is choice even here.

There is certainly a great economy in a woman's adopting for occasions of ceremony one dress from which she never derives. It becomes her characteristic, and there is even a kind of style and beauty in the idea. The changing fashions in color and material pass without affecting her. She is never induced to buy anything because it is new. She is always the same. The dress in this case must have a certain elasticity, it must be a little thought and little time, and when the old edition, becoming worn, gives way to the new, the change is not perceived, nor is it noticed when the new in its turn becomes old.

Such dress as this must at course lie within certain limits. Suppose it to be a black velvet; it would last, with care, at least five or six years. Suppose it to be a white cloth dress, of small cost; it could, with care, last two seasons; and then, cleaned, last another season or two; and then, dyed, be turned into a walking dress to last two seasons more.

If a dress is put on with grace, its owner alone is aware of its defects, and it is a kindness to the spectator if she will keep her own secret.

In France, and I believe also in Italy, they have a poetic fashion of dedicating for a certain number of years (five, ten, or twenty years, according to the parent's fancy) young girls to the Virgin. I do not know in what way they demonstrate this dedication except in the color of their dress, which is always, for all occasions, summer or winter, blue or white, or white and blue mixed. This affords more variety than at first thought it would seem to be capable of, for any shade of blue may be used.

There is a great economy in deciding on a few becoming colors in their several shades, and confining one's dress to these. Choosing colors that harmonize with each other, like gray, black, purple, blue, yellow, white, and never buying any other colors, one may, in making over garments, use one with another so that nothing is wasted.

It is also important to know what point of dress to emphasize. For instance, one may expend a large sum on a gown, and if the shoes are shabby or ill made, the gloves worn, and the bonnet lacks style, the gown is entirely thrown away. But the gown may be no longer new; it must now be carefully brushed and well put on, the collar and cuffs, or other neck and wrist trimmings, must be perfect order, the boots well made and well blacked, even if not new, the gloves faultless, and the bonnet neat and stylish. The effect is of a well-dressed woman; no man, and very few women, perceive that the dress is not a new one.—Mrs. T. W. Dewar, in Harper's Magazine for December.

The Editor and proprietor of the North American Review announces that the Review will be hereafter published at No. 30 Lafayette place, and will appear under its own imprint. He states that he has found it impossible to conduct the publication in the spirit of motto adopted by its founders, making it a forum of independent thought, and extending, at his discretion the hospitality of its pages to thinkers and scholars of all creeds and forms of belief, and at the same time to maintain relations with a publishing house having extensive school-book and other interests of its own to promote. This change of imprint will involve no alteration whatever in the organization or service of the Review.

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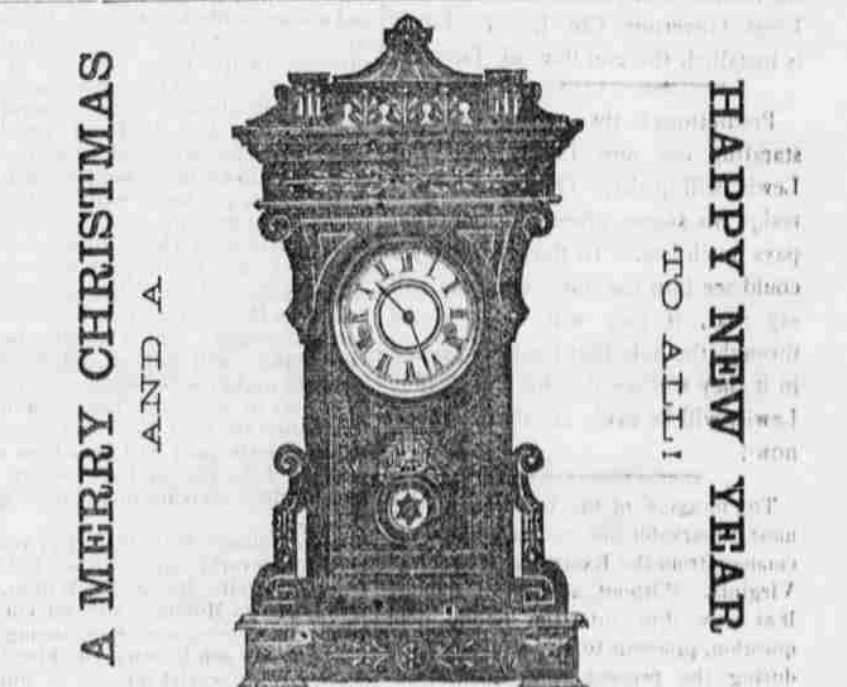
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